



PEACEBUILDER CLUB STANDARDS

SEPTEMBER 2024

PURPOSES

1. Activate and implement Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution activities in your Club.
2. Address the growing problems and danger of divisiveness and polarization which affect the peace within communities and globally.
3. Build stronger, more harmonious communities and a more peaceful world.
4. Help Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and others expand the peacebuilding impact of every Rotary project in all seven areas of focus.
5. Become actively engaged in Rotary's mission to "enable Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace." (4th Object of Rotary)
6. Join a global fellowship of Rotarians, Rotaractors, Ineteractors and Rotary Peace Fellows dedicated to advancing peace through the world.

ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING PEACEBUILDER COMMITTEE

Every RAGFP Peacebuilder Club shall have a Peacebuilding Committee made up of at least two Club members who are also paid members of the Rotary Action Group for Peace.

Each member of the Peace Committee is encouraged to read the RAGFP Primer entitled Your Piece of Peace (Download the RAGFP Primer).

Members of the Peace Committee are also encouraged to:

1. Help build momentum and impact of peacebuilding in Rotary by joining and/or supporting the Rotary Action Group for Peace.
2. Be familiar with the 4th Object of Rotary as included in the Rotary International Constitution.
3. Become familiar with peace trainings and resources through the Rotary Action Group for Peace and the Rotary Positive Peace Academy.
4. If your Rotary District has a District Peace Committee, seek to have at least one member from your Club sit on that Committee. If your District does not have a Peace Committee and you have approval from your District Governor/Foundation Chair, help create one.

PEACEBUILDER COMMITTEE BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Educate and empower Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors, and others in your area regarding peacebuilding principles and strategies and individual opportunities and responsibilities for peacebuilding by:

1. Encourage them to start by reading the Primer.
2. Conducting brief trainings sessions and/or presentations in the Club at least twice per year, utilizing the resources from the RAGFP, the Primer and the Rotary Positive Peace Academy.
3. Help and encourage Club members to recognize that every Club project in all of the seven areas of focus have an element of peace. Share with them the tools and resources to maximize the community and peacebuilding impact in every project.
4. Build on the Four Way Test and its principles i.e. respect for all, with Club members and their projects.
5. Work with the District Trainer so as to offer input and assistance for the inclusion of peacebuilding in the training of Presidents and District Officers.

Engage Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotary Peace Fellows and others in your area in peacebuilding action by:

1. Sponsoring at least two Club peacebuilding activities per year. A popular project being the introduction of peace into schools through curriculum, peace gardens and peace pole which could be used annually to commemorate peace.

The RAGFP has a number of projects/programs covering other topics.

You are encouraged to share your peacebuilding projects with the RAGFP.

2. Clubs are encouraged to help plan and implement District and Multi-District peace projects. Assistance is available from the RAGFP, Positive Peace Activators and CADRE.

Raise the Profile by:

At least twice per year doing something to increase public awareness of Rotary's peacebuilding power and activities such as planting a peace pole to commemorate service project, creating a peace garden at a school or one that brings together factions within a community, sponsoring a peace art or video competition for children/youth, or perhaps sponsoring a community peace conference. See the Primer for details and further suggestions.

Support Rotary Peace Centres by:

1. Increasing Club awareness about the Rotary Peace Centers and the Peace Fellow Program by making a presentation to a Rotary Club, to make them aware of the Rotary Peace Centers, and to seek a nominee in advance of the closing deadline for the program each year in consultation with your TRF District Rotary Peace Fellowships Subcommittee Chair.
2. Becoming aware of Rotary Peace Fellows residing in your area by checking the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association and engaging Peace Fellows to make Club presentations and projects. Encourage them to become Rotarians, RAGFP members and to be involved in Rotary if they are not.
3. Engaging Club members in helping to find qualified candidates who could be nominated for a Rotary Peace Fellowship. Support any candidate which your Club puts forward through the nomination process. Stay in touch with them.
4. If your Rotary District has made a financial commitment to support the work of the Rotary Peace Centre and to be a Rotary Peacebuilder District at an annual contribution of 25,000\$US per year to the Rotary International Foundation, then help your District raise the funding. A RAGFP Peacebuilder District is a District where all of the Clubs in the District are RAGFP Peacebuilder Clubs.

“*Peace is Possible!*”

